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**California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer to Speak  
at Second Annual Domestic Violence Training and Awareness Conference**

Irvine, CA - Community leaders and more than 600 teachers, guidance counselors and psychologists will gather to learn about domestic violence and how to detect, report, and become more pro-active in helping students who are victimized by the cycle of abuse. The Second Annual Conference on Domestic Violence, organized by the Orange County Superior Court South Justice Center, will be held August 30, 2000, at the Irvine Marriott Hotel at 18999 Von Karman, in Irvine.

"I am encouraged that so many of our community leaders have come forward to participate in this conference to increase awareness of domestic violence and reduce the number of children that are affected by it," said Orange County Superior Court Judge Pamela Iles, who presides over a domestic violence calendar at South Justice Center. She added, "National statistics show that 60% of children in a violent home become victims of physical abuse and molestation."

The conference is designed to inform and empower teachers, who are mandated to report child abuse, methods of detection and introduce them to the various agencies that become involved after the teacher or counselor makes the initial report.

Program speakers include Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who will discuss the Statewide impact and efforts to curb domestic violence. In addition, Alyce LaViolette, a renowned authority on domestic violence will discuss how anyone can become a victim of domestic violence. Participants will include Orange County Board of Supervisor Member Thomas Wilson, Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson, Interim County Executive Officer Michael Schumacher, District Attorney Tony Rackauckas, Public Defender Carl Holmes, and Director of County Social Services Larry Leaman.

The Domestic Violence Training and Awareness Conference is a collaboration of the William Gillespie Foundation, Orange County Board of Supervisor's Office, Capistrano, Saddleback Valley, Irvine, Newport-Mesa and Laguna Beach Unified School Districts, the Orange County District

Attorney's Office and the Orange County Sheriff's Office

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